

Fiscal Note

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SF 416 – School Sharing, Contiguous Districts (LSB 2525SV)
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Description

Senate File 416 eliminates the requirement that school districts be contiguous to use financial, administrative, reorganization or dissolution, open enrollment, and sharing incentives and policies.

Background

Under current law, school districts must be contiguous when participating in a whole grade sharing agreement or reorganizing with other districts. School districts may receive supplementary weighting of 0.10 per student for sharing students and/or teachers in a whole grade sharing agreement. School districts that reorganize after participating in a whole grade sharing agreement receive an incentive weighting equal to the weighting received in the year prior to reorganization for three years following the reorganization. The whole grade sharing incentive expires at the end of FY 2014.

In FY 2010, there will be 33 school districts with whole grade sharing supplementary weighting totaling 278.0 FTE students that will generate approximately \$1.6 million for these districts through the school aid formula. One district will receive reorganization supplementary weighting totaling \$90,000 in FY 2010.

Fiscal Impact

The number of noncontiguous districts entering whole grade sharing agreements due to Senate File 416 is currently unknown. Noncontiguous districts that enter whole grade sharing agreements for three years beginning in FY 2011 would be eligible to receive reorganization supplementary weighting incentives. However, the number of districts is currently unknown and therefore the estimated fiscal impact of Senate File 416 is currently unknown.

Sources

Iowa Department of Education, Certified Enrollment file
Iowa Department of Management, School Aid file
LSA Calculations

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